

# CHEERING WORDS TO A DOWN-TRODDEN RACE

President Roosevelt in April said to a delegation of negro ministers from the M. E. Church, which is doing so much to lift up the race in this and other cities:

"You deserve equal rights with other men, irrespective of race or previous condition. You should have nothing less, and as far as I am able I shall strive as in the past to secure you the rights that are yours."

The safety of the country is secure with men who have hearts like this to guide the ship of state. God has made all races of men, and He raises up men as instruments to protect them. How can the negro do otherwise than support Mr. Roosevelt in November?

The war should have settled the race question and questions of economy, finance, education, and development along all lines of industry should now be occupying the attention. The negro should roll up his sleeves and be at work with all other people that inhabit the earth instead of having the whole country with a great political party involved in discussing the race and social equality question. Men and parties will never settle it while the sun shines. Legislating and making laws won't help it any. That race is going to be just what God intends it to be, and He turns the doings of men into blessings they never intended them to be.

The negro is not asleep, nor is he dead to sensibilities.

All we ask our white brothers to do is to let us alone. Don't be afraid of our advancements.

This is an age that to be men of whatever race, you must use the means God has given you, or you will be left.

We ask no more than we merit and we are willing to take our place in the possession of fair and just treatment, and in God's own time we will measure arms with the proud races of the earth. You can look back at your possessions, but by the help of God the negro can look forward to his.

We all cannot die rich, but none need die beggars.

This is a world of plenty in every way, and by labor God has determined man shall possess it.

The negro has long since learned to work. But he is just learning the secret of taking care of his earnings.

The secret of success along all lines in this life and that which is to come is in possessing the thing needed when opportunity presents itself.

Man's law is a great hindrance to the accomplishment of what God wants or will get. God's law is the working out of good for the creature.

The great trouble is, men are trying to have things as they want them; but God is going to have things as He wants them, and there will be an end to all strife and confusion.

There are two lessons the negro has learned, and learned well: Trust God and wait.

Get on the side of right, with the

good people, and stay there. This world is turning, and the negro is turning with it. He is away under now, but not as far as he was sixty years ago.

Then the agitation was to keep him in slavery; that time is gone. There is not a white man on the face of the earth wants that time again. But now it is to check his progress along all lines. He has been the bone of contention since 1620. He was brought here as a powerful factor for work and the spirit that wanted to keep him in slavery to accomplish that purpose is the same spirit that would use him as a blind to get into power.

The Democratic party is using the negro to get into power all they can and making all the "to do" over him. They are making him believe that he is more important than any other race of people.

The Republican party is not saying a word. They have helped him to have his freedom and manhood, and the negro has learned that means step down and get in line and work your way up to whatever you deserve. So the procession is moving now. The Parker and Davis, the Tillman-Vardaman-Gorman-Davis crowd will get left. The more they fool with the negro question, the more they will get left. They had better take some other issue. The grand, old Republican party landed the negro in clover; that is all the negro wants—he will do the eating.

The last thing the Democratic party ought to do is to make the negro an issue.

The negro is a number 13, and the more you bother your time with him, the more you will get out of temper. When you study to down him you only elevate him, and when you study to elevate him you will have your hands full.

He is like the Jew—the more he is oppressed, the greater improvement he makes.

The Republican party has opened the way for him to come up. He sometimes fights the Republican party right and left in State elections. The Republicans let him alone, and say if you can find a better boarding house all right.

The door is open. We won't drive you out; we don't beg you to stay in.

We know there are things you want and you should have them; but it takes time to get them.

The Republican party is a party of great patience.

They have the negro, Democratic labor question, anarchy, emigrants, pensions, trusts, strikes and a hundred other momentous problems too numerous to mention. But it handles them all, and to-day it gives us one of the finest governments on the face of the earth.

America is a home for the brave and an asylum for the oppressed, and when human prejudice shall have been wiped out, it will be a rest for the free.

Let the band play.

REV. JAMES W. LAVATT, B. D.

## A MYSTERIOUS VISION

Magnificence in Which Major Andrew's Fate Was Foretold.

The following incident has been so strikingly justified by subsequent events that there is an original and striking expression in words which is nothing to do with the state of the body and is beyond the power of the soul which it has been rendered by the material organization on earth.

Prior to his embarkation for America at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war Major Andrew went to visit a friend, Miss Rebecca Steward, who lived in Derbyshire. During his stay it was arranged that they should ride over to view the wonders of the famous peak. It was also Miss Steward's desire to introduce the major to some friends in the neighborhood, including a Mr. Newton and the curate of the parish, Mr. Cunningham. She had given both these gentlemen notice of her intention, and while awaiting her arrival Mr. Cunningham took occasion to tell Mr. Newton the circumstances of a dream he had had the night before which affected him so that he could not shake off the recollection of it.

He said that he was standing in the midst of a forest that was entirely strange to him. After gazing listlessly around him for a few moments he perceived a horseman approaching at great speed. As the latter came opposite the spot where the dreamer stood three men who seemed to have been lying in ambush sprang from their place of concealment and, seizing the horse, ordered the rider to dismount. They then carefully searched his person and led him away. The face, figure and bearing of the horseman made so deep an impression upon Mr. Cunningham's mind that he awoke; but, falling asleep again presently, he dreamed that he was one of a throng of spectators near a great city; that he saw the same person he had seen seized in the wood brought out between files of soldiers, who marched him to a gallows and there hanged him. When Major Andrew and Miss Steward arrived, Mr. Cunningham was horror struck to discover in the person of Miss Steward's friend the very man whose seizure and execution he had witnessed in his dream.

Here was an accurate anticipation of events that actually happened within twelve months from the date of the dream. The capture of Andrew, the search of his person for documents that convicted him for acting the part of a spy and his public execution constituted one of the most dramatic episodes of the contest with the mother country. How is it imaginable that so definite a vision of coming events could arise from the influence of a physical condition on the mind of the sleeper? What possible state of the body could confer upon the soul the power to describe future occurrences with such exact fidelity to details?

## The Snail's Mouth.

In the peculiarity of teeth and mouth the snail is the most wonderful of all the created creatures, and it has been truly said that it is fortunate for mankind that some of the larger of its kind animals are not similarly constructed. The mouth of the snail is armed with a wonderful organ in the shape of a rasplike tongue. This tongue resembles a long, narrow ribbon, coiled in such a manner that only a small portion of it is in use at any one time. Thickly distributed over the entire surface of this ribbon-like organ are an immense number of very minute but strong and sharp teeth, arranged in a manner which adapts them to the purpose for which they are intended—viz. that of enabling the edible portions of the vegetation upon which the owner of the mouth feeds.

The number of these wonderful teeth is perfectly incredible, one species having been shown by actual count under the microscope to possess not less than 30,000.

## The Poet Bryant.

The poet Bryant, while editor of the New York Post, insisted that young poets should be sympathetically noticed in the book columns of the paper. Once a subscriber handed him a thin volume of poems, saying that they were worthless. Mr. Bryant looked through the book and then said, "You might say that it is pretty bound and clearly printed."

The editor of whom this story is told also had a soft side for young men who would write poetry.

"Give me your candid judgment of these lines," said the young man of literary aspirations. "Do they convey the idea of poetry at all?"

"Yes, sir," replied the editor, looking them over, "they do. There is something in every line that conveys the idea. Every line," continued the kind-hearted man, letting him down as gently as possible, "begins with a capital letter."

## Early Efforts at Making Cook Stoves.

Doubtless some form of cooking stove has been used from a very early period. Previous to 1745 the stoves of all kinds used in America were imported from Holland or Germany, but in that year a stove was invented by Benjamin Franklin that was a great improvement on all that had preceded it. In 1771 he continued his inventions in this line and produced a stove for burning bituminous coal which consumed its own smoke, and another which, after being filled at the top, could be inverted and made to burn from the base. Between 1785 and 1795 several improvements in stoves, ovens, heating and cooking apparatus were made by Count Rumford, and as early as 1798 his soapstone lined ranges had been introduced in New York and were coming gradually into general use.

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Sheriff—Marcellus A. Jolliff.

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Mayor—George W. Kinsey.

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